

CERTAIN BEATTIE HAD FAIR TRIAL

Father of Murdered Woman Unwilling, However, to Comment on Verdict.

SYMPATHY FOR BEATTIE, SR.

Cannot See How Prisoner Can Successfully Appeal and Escape.

The following dispatch was sent out from Dover, Del., last night:

"I have no opinion to express on the conviction of Henry C. Beattie, Jr., for the murder of my daughter," said Robert V. Owen, father of the murdered girl, at his home here to-day. He had just finished reading in The Times-Dispatch the full address of Prosecutor Wendenburg before the jury.

When questioned, however, he became more communicative. "The defendant had a fair trial," he declared, "before one of the brightest and most humane judges in the country. Prosecutor Wendenburg and Lawyer Harry Smith, for the defense, are two of the most careful and brilliant men in the South. Nearly every objection raised during the trial was decided in favor of the accused. How he can successfully appeal, I cannot see. Although I am sure nothing will be left undone to save him from the electric chair."

Mr. Owen, who, with his wife, is raising the infant son of the murdered woman at their Dover home, then dwelt upon the opposition of his brothers and himself to the arrest of the young husband when it was first proposed. He said Scherer, the principal detective in the case, was insistent. Finally when the accused was arrested, Mr. Owen said he had the young man tell him his story of the tragedy.

Heard Beattie's Story.

The father continued. "When I reached my brother Thomas, after an all-night ride from Dover, immediately after the murder, my son-in-law, in the present of others, told me practically the same story that he testified to during the trial. I was not suspicious of the exception of when it flashed through my mind that it would have required astonishing speed to catch the alleged midnight assailant with whom Beattie says he applied."

"Henry was not an inebriate. His closest friends cannot account for his deed. In fact, his friend Wells told him: 'I cannot believe you did it. But if you did you should be electrocuted.' The law is now taking its course."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Owen have an intense feeling of sympathy for the white-haired father of the slayer. The families have been friendly for years. Mr. Owen having known Mr. Beattie, senior, intimately for thirty-five years. On several occasions since the murder the father of the victim has deprecated his friend, Mr. Beattie, senior, could not help what had occurred.

BUSINESS MEN AT ROAD CONVENTION

Manufacturers Will Attend Highway Congress in Richmond in November.

As a result of a joint meeting of manufacturers of road machinery and materials and representatives of the American Association for Highway Improvement held in New York, plans have been formulated by the committee appointed at this meeting for a convention of manufacturers at the great road congress of the American Association at Richmond, November 20-25, 1911.

The manufacturers will hold their meeting on the afternoon of November 21, following the sessions of the highway engineers, contractors and officials, and at that time expect to perfect a permanent organization for the purpose of aiding the cause of road improvement and to co-operate with the American Association and other similar organizations.

Pending the formation of a permanent organization of manufacturers at Richmond, the committee appointed at the New York conference is actively co-operating with the American Association for Highway Improvement in its efforts to make the Richmond congress the most important and influential event of its kind ever held, as well as aiding the association to make its general work most effective. The manufacturers' committee is composed of Nat Tyler, Jr., president of the Monarch Road Roller Company, chairman; Daniel T. Price, of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company; J. A. Robinson, president of the Robinson Process Company; C. E. Woodbridge, of the Texas Company; W. T. Beatty, of the Austin-Western Company; Geo. H. Lewars, of the Good Roads Machinery Company; and J. E. Pennybacker, of the American Association for Highway Improvement.

Exhibits of machinery or materials will be made at the Richmond congress, as it appears to be the unanimous opinion of the manufacturers that exhibits have proven uneliminated as a feature of all future road conventions.

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Goochland and Fluvanna Have Separate Nominees for Legislature.

RUTHERFOORD OR TAYLOR

Apparent Blunder May Result in Appeal to State Committee.

"As a result of what seems a blunder on somebody's part, a contest is likely to arise over the nomination for the House of Delegates from the district composed of the counties of Fluvanna and Goochland. An appeal to the State Democratic Committee at its coming meeting is not improbable.

It seems that A. J. Taylor, of Fluvanna, and John Rutherford, of Goochland, were the candidates for the nomination. Mr. Rutherford, who is a practicing attorney in Richmond, with his home in Goochland, filed his name with the Democratic committees in both counties. Inasmuch as his was the only name received in Goochland, that committee regarded the matter as settled, and no names for this office were placed on the ticket in Thursday's primary.

Mr. Taylor, it is stated, filed his name with the Fluvanna committee only. That body, with two names before it, placed them on the ticket, with the result that Mr. Taylor received 355 votes in the county, against 258 for Mr. Rutherford.

Mr. Taylor is nominated in Fluvanna and Mr. Rutherford in Goochland. The presumption is that Mr. Taylor took it for granted that Fluvanna was to name the man, inasmuch as the last member, Stephen M. Shepherd, who has since died, came from Goochland.

Should both men insist on running in the November election, a Republican might easily slip in, since the vote of that party in the district is considerable. The State Committee may be asked to effect a settlement.

Judge Nelson Defeated.

Complete returns from Campbell county show the defeat of Judge Frank Nelson, the incumbent, by A. B. Martin. It also appears that a mistake was made on the night of the election in the statement that T. J. Payne had won the nomination for the House from Amherst, since the count shows that Walter P. Massie is nominated.

James T. Harvey has won in Nelson county for the House.

Sundry other nominations are yet to be made by convention, especially in the Southwest. The last convention of all will be that in the Fifth Senatorial District, which is set for October 12, only a few days before names must be placed on the ticket.

Dr. A. G. Crockett, of Max Meadows, is so far the only candidate.

The Republicans of the First District will meet next Saturday. Senator A. T. Lincoln has been endorsed for renomination by his home county of Smyth. There is said to be a doubt that he will accept. Should he decline or should he be nominated and defeated, no one of the six Republicans in the last Senate will come back.

BROTHER AND SISTER REUNITED BY DREAM

They Were New York Wives and Had Been Sent to Separate Homes in the West.

San Antonio, Tex., September 10.—George Cooley came to San Antonio last spring from Atchison, Kan., when the soldiers did, and has remained here since as a kind of camp follower.

When Cooley was eight years old, he and his sister, six years old, were sent out from New York along with a number of homeless children. A home was found for them in a Kansas farm and he remained with the father parents until he was of age. The sister was taken on to some other point, and by some means the boy heard she was brought to Texas.

If he could, and he tried to the city with the army was for the purpose of ascertaining if she were here. Some weeks ago he heard that a young woman who was a "New Yorker," had married a young man near Georgetown, Tex., and that the couple had gone to Fayetteville, Ark. to live. More Cooley thought of this young woman the stronger became his conviction that she must be his long lost sister.

Finally, he dreamed one night that the young woman was his sister, and that she hoped some time to see the brother she had not seen since they parted years ago at Atchison, Kan.

The next morning Cooley left for Fayetteville, where he found the young married couple, and a small scar on the young woman's forehead made the identification complete. Cooley declared he would have known her if he had met her in the street. He is now going to Fayetteville to make his home with his sister.

Democratic Club to Meet.

Announcement is made by Secretary R. P. Shiffert, of the Washington Ward Democratic Club, that the regular monthly meeting will take place to-night in Fraternal Hall. Because of election of officers and other important business to come up a full attendance of the membership is urged.

Auto and Car Cade.

The little god of things as they ought to be watched over the occupants of a skidding automobile, when it collided with a Lakeside car in the Barton Heights section of the city late yesterday afternoon, and spilled them into the street. The automobile was considerably damaged, but the passengers escaped practically unhurt. P. B. Carpenter, who was driving, sustained a few slight scratches, which were repaired in short order by Dr. R. W. Miller.

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BALTIMORE MAY GET CONVENTION

Virginia Democrats Looking to Next Year's State and National Gatherings.

ELLYSON IS SILENT YET

Member of National Committee From Virginia Has Made No Promises.

Among those who take an early interest in the national party gatherings of next year there seems to be an impression that the Democratic National Convention will go to Baltimore. That city is very active and has an organized propaganda for the purpose of securing this big meeting. A fund of \$100,000 has been guaranteed, which is ready to be turned over to the Democratic National Committee, and in addition the building of a convention hall which will seat 45,000 persons has been promised.

Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson is the member of the committee from Virginia, and will have a vote on the selection of a convention city. He said yesterday that he had made no promises to any one. He is in receipt of many communications regarding Baltimore, and has also been asked to favor Louisville. The convention does not go to the highest bidder, the location being always considered.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington in December for the purpose of choosing a convention city and of naming a time for the meeting which will nominate the Democratic standard bearer in 1912.

The Virginia State Democratic Convention will probably be held about next May, according to custom. The place and date will be selected by the State Committee after the time of the national convention has been fixed. There is some talk of a movement to bring the State body to Richmond.

It is rather expected that sentiment will largely crystallize in favor of one or the other candidates during the coming session of the Legislature. Political leaders swarm in Richmond at such times, and views on these matters are exchanged. Members of the Legislature naturally go to their homes enthusiastic for somebody.

Under the primary system now in vogue, the Democrats of Virginia meet only once in four years, when delegates are elected to the national convention. The body is then confronted with the duty of making a platform and tariff reform and other time-honored principles of the party, and at the same time to express its opinion on the subjects of State and local taxation, the liquor question, primaries and all such matters, although at such times no State campaign is in progress.

The result is that in the following year each candidate for Governor makes his own platform, which binds nobody save those who enroll themselves under his banner.

GIRL IN HER TEENS VICTOR OVER BEAR

She Kills Bruin, Who Had Disputed Path With Her.

Port Townsend, September 10.—Miss Mary Schmitz, girl in her teens, recently had a battle with a bear in which she came out victorious.

Miss Schmitz was employed at the Hotel d'Albany, a summer resort at Lake Crescent. The other morning she decided to visit her parents, who live in the heart of the Olympic Mountains, thirty miles from the lake. The only road to her home is a trail running through the dense forests, without a habitation along the entire route. The trail, in places, is impassable for a horse, and she started out on foot.

Before starting one of the guests presented her with a revolver and a belt filled with cartridges, instructing her to use it to protect herself against man or beast.

She had proceeded fifteen miles when she sighted a bear in the trail coming toward her. She shouted, thinking that the animal would take to the bushes, but instead it continued to advance.

She opened fire. After several shots the bear left the trail, giving her the right of way.

When she reached the place where the bear took to the bushes she found blood, and on investigation she found the animal a few yards from the trail lying dead as the result of one of her shots.

Miss Schmitz continued her journey, reaching her home late that evening, and telephoned her adventure to the hotel at Crescent. A party left the next morning to bring the bear to the resort.

The report of Miss Schmitz's adventure was brought here by Judge Lester Sill, of the Superior Court of this county, who has been at Lake Crescent for the last ten days.

Miss Schmitz was reared from early infancy on a farm in the Olympics. She is strong and athletic and knows no fear. She never fails to attract the attention and interest of all visitors to the summer resort at Lake Crescent.

A New York artist painted her picture, and it is now in an art gallery in that city.

BAILEY CONFIRMS IT

Will Retire at End of Term in the Senate.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 10.—United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey today confirmed the report that he would retire from the Senate at the expiration of his term in 1913, and would locate in this city. Mr. Bailey said he would move here when his term expired, and that he and his son, now a student in the law department of the University of Virginia, would open law offices here.

In a statement issued this afternoon, Mr. Bailey canceled all speaking appointments in the State.

NEW OYSTER ROW ON JAMES RIVER

Tongers Claim Warwick Planters Are Encroaching on Natural Rock.

FIRST SKIRMISH TO-DAY

State Fish Commission to Take Up Trouble in Norfolk.

Another skirmish in the interminable war between the tongers and planters in the oyster bottoms of the James will be considered by the State Fish Commission, when it meets in Norfolk at noon to-day. Members of the commission were in the city last night on their way to the meeting.

It seems that the Warwick county tongers have put in a claim that the planters have moved their stakes from the rented grounds into the area of natural rock. This is denied, and the commission has had its surveyor at the scene to determine the truth.

Should the irregularities complained of be established, and prove flagrant, the commission will presumably order an immediate removal of the stakes to their proper position. On the other hand, if the matter allows of a presumption of a prior mistake in surveys, time will possibly be allowed to make the change. It has been found in the past that differences in surveys have accounted for complaints on this score, for, like doctors, surveyors differ.

The existing contention is but a phase of the ever-recurring dispute between the men who are licensed as tongers and who are privileged to take oysters from the natural public oyster rock, and those planters to whom the State has leased ground for the purpose of private cultivation. On the one hand, the tongers point to the constant temptation before the planter to move his stakes out over the often rich natural rock, while the planters assert that the tongers poach on their property and try to give them endless trouble. The State Fish Commission says it is almost powerless, since the irregularities in the lines make accurate policing of the public ground a practical impossibility.

ROBSLEEPING MAN DOWN TO HIS HIDE

Petersburg Carpenter Found in Dock Street in Terrible Plight.

Garbed in ragged clothing, a battered hat and shoes which the veriest knight of the road would spurn, and about 50 cents in cash given him by kindly disposed persons, W. T. Crispen, a carpenter, of Petersburg, returned to his home last night, a sadder but wiser man. He came to the city Saturday afternoon, and after looking upon the wine when it was red sought the companionship of doubtful friends. He remembered little after leaving a Seventeenth Street barroom. He awakened yesterday afternoon in the Fifth Police Station, and found himself in a cell with practically no clothing.

Crispen was picked up early yesterday morning in Dock Street, at the foot of Seventeenth. He was asleep near the water, and had he turned in his slumber he would have fallen into the water. He was found by Policeman J. H. Lee, and still in a drunken stupor he was placed in the patrol wagon and taken to the station house.

Rolled to Queen's Taste.

The man had been "rolled" to the queen's taste. Had he not been taken in charge by the police he would have been in a hopeless predicament.

When the effects of the liquor wore off yesterday afternoon Crispen explained that he came to Richmond with a good suit of clothes, a new hat and new shoes, and had \$27 in cash. He recalled taking a few drinks with newly-made acquaintances, but after that all was a blank.

Anxious to aid him, the police began a search and resurrected an old blue coat, a rusty pair of brown trousers, but neither hat nor shoes were to be found.

Hatless, shirtless, shoeless and penniless, Crispen left the station last night. However, he was called back by Magistrate McCarthy, who managed to produce a pair of shoes and a headpiece. Sufficient money was donated by Squire McCarthy and others present to insure car fare to the Cockade City, and Crispen was sent on his way.

He is said to have a wife and large family in Petersburg.

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COUNCIL SLEEPS OVER REDUCTION

Politicians Say Plan Now Is to Wait Until After Spring Primary.

BODY FAR TOO CUMBERSOME

Failure to Transact City's Business Due to Excess in Membership.

Although two plans were presented many months ago for reduction of the membership of the City Council by the reduction in the number of wards, the belief is strong among those familiar with city politics that all consideration, and certainly all action on the subject will be deferred until after the councilmen's primaries of next April. At present the papers are in the hands of a special committee on changes in the form of city government, a body authorized early last spring, but which has held but one meeting. At that meeting it was stated that the committee contemplated a general revision of the city charter, the changes to be formulated and presented to the Legislature next January.

The Richmond delegation has been nominated without any restrictions or pledges for such charter changes. Messrs. Ratcliffe and Umlauf, the authors of the two plans for reduction of membership in the Council, hold that their plans should be adopted by the Council itself, without legislative action, and this view is endorsed by the City Attorney. The special committee, however, holds that reduction in membership is but a small part of the change it will formulate for incorporation in the revised charter.

Sixty-four Members.

At present Richmond has eighty wards—forty Councilmen and twenty-four Aldermen, making a City Council composed of sixty-four members. The two branches have missed quorums more frequently than they have held meetings for several months, and so much so that at its last meeting the lower branch adopted a resolution calling for the resignation of those who could not or would not attend. No resignations have as yet been forthcoming.

While practically every member of the Council admits that the body is too large—that it is unwieldy and cumbersome, treading on its own heels in its efforts to transact business, as for instance in the matter of public improvement bond issue, yet the belief is strong that because of political reasons no action will be taken at present.

Record It As Calamity.

Discussion will go on and the matter lag, according to well informed sources, until after the city primaries next spring, when another sixty-four men will have been selected, and after which it will be impracticable to secure any reduction until the end of their term, two years from the next September—three years from last week. Members of the Council themselves admit that it would be a calamity for Richmond to be tied to its present form of government for the next three years, but unless some plan is put into effect before the spring primaries, that will be inevitable. If either Umlauf or the Ratcliffe plan, one proposing three wards and the other five, with a Council of twenty-four or forty members, respectively, is adopted this fall it could take effect on the first day of next September, when the terms of the present Councilmen expire. With a new Council nominated, all hope of a change in the form of city government would be deferred for another two years.

SEEKS MISSING MAN

Absence of Chesterfield Insurance Solicitor Causes Alarm.

Officers from Chesterfield county yesterday enlisted the services of the Richmond police in a search for Miller Davis, an insurance solicitor, who lives on the Petersburg Turnpike, near Stop No. 2, and who disappeared from home two days ago. He has a wife and child and they are alarmed at his absence, fearing that he may have met with foul play. No trace of him was found at a late hour last night.

REFUSED TO MOVE

Salesman Will Have to Answer Charge of Disorderly Conduct.

Refusing to move when ordered to do so while standing in Broad Street, near Eighth, last night, L. Michaels, who gave his occupation as a traveling salesman, was arrested and taken to the Second Police Station. He was charged with disorderly conduct and furnished bail for his appearance this morning in Police Court.

Richard Johnson, colored, was arrested on a charge of loitering that he entered the home of Estelle Stewart, colored, of 1612 Calhoun Street, and carried off a small sum of money. He was locked up at the Second Station.

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Visiting Newspaper Men Quickly Agree on Verdict

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—We, newspaper writers from out of town, who have reported the Beattie trial, would request the courtesy of your columns in order to express our keen appreciation of the uniform good will and helpfulness extended to us in our work by the authorities of Chesterfield and Henrico counties and of the charming hospitality accorded us generally in Richmond and environs.

We would ask further the privilege of publicly bespeaking our admiration for Hon. Walter A. Watson, both as a gentleman and as a jurist. Many of the writers signing this letter have reported big trials over all the United States and in Canada and Europe. If this experience, therefore, may lend to our opinion any added value and interest, we desire most sincerely to express our regard for Judge Watson's great worth and undeniable eminence.

And if your modesty will kindly keep the blue pencil off this final, particular group of words, we would beg to thank you, sir, and the members of your staff, for the many favors so cordially and fraternally extended.

We have the honor to remain,
Yours very truly,
CHARLES SOMERVILLE, New York World.
ROBERT WELLES RITCHIE, New York Sun.
FREDERICK L. LONG, New York Globe.
LAMER ELY BREADY, Washington Times.
MRS. A. B. SPERRY, Washington Times.
HARRY PROCTOR, Philadelphia Bulletin.
JOSEPH COSTELLO, Philadelphia Telegraph.
JOSEPH JEFFERSON O'NEILL, New York American.
JOHN MAXWELL, New York Times.
EDWIN JEROME MOORE, New York Herald.
ANNABELLE SHARP, Cleveland Leader.
HENRY W. CARLISLE, New York Evening Sun.
JOHN A. MOROSO, New York Evening Journal.
DAVID LAWRENCE, Associated Press.
EDWARD SARTWELL, United Press.
WILLIAM B. OSBORN, National News Service.
LOUIS WALKER, New York American.
FREDERICK WALKER, New York World.
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CUPID'S EXPRESS GOES TO-MORROW EXTRA! EXTRA! CYCLONE LOST

Last Call for Old Maids on This Excursion Conducted by Mrs. Gill.

Washington—city of magnificent distances—has blossomed forth as an excursion point. Witness the fact that on Tuesday morning at 9 of the clock a trainload of youngsters will depart for a day's dissipation in the city of dairy lunches and many taxicabs.

Ever since Father George staked out Pennsylvania Avenue on a big, empty lot across the river from Alexandria the town on the Potomac has continued to grow in fame. T. Jefferson made history by riding down the big white way in his overalls, and T. Roosevelt, some three-quarters of a century later, drew the limelight upon it, gliding asphalt with his projects to purge the spelling book of superfluous syllables and with the foundation of his Annapolis Club. Since then honors have trooped in battalions to the fair capital. It has become famed for things many and diverse. It has acquired a multitude of sobriquets—Mecca of mammas with marriageable maidens, a prolific pasture of sentimental Congressmen, favorite feeding grounds for fourth-class postmasters, Elysium of office-seekers, fecund fountain of diplomatic daydolls, and other things which an innate reluctance to indulge in excessive alliteration renders impossible to chronicle. But never in the memory of the present generation has the fair capital city laid serious claim to being a popular excursion point for Richmonders. The orphans are entitled to the glory that is due to all hardy pioneers who blaze the paths for future generations.

The heira starts from the corner of Hancock and Broad Tuesday morning, and will be in charge of Mrs. Gill. In its general plan the outing will follow the approved lines of the tourist agencies, in which the flock follows the man from Cook's on a race against time, warranted to "do" the Capitol, Washington Monument, the Congressional Library, the Pension Office and the Botanical Gardens in three lapped minutes for lunch and ice cream comes free. How many Richmond folk will get married on this trip deponent saith not.

"POISONED PEN" MUST HAVE BEEN IN CHURCH

Easton Pastor Criticized About Sermons Not in Public Print.

Easton, Pa., September 10.—The "poisoned pen" mystery in Easton still grows deeper since the arrest of Miss Harriet Dewitt, who will be tried in the United States Criminal Court in Philadelphia Monday, September 18.

Rev. E. E. Snyder was mentioned as receiving anonymous letters, as also were Rev. A. H. F. Fischer, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Rev. Charles R. Trowbridge, former pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and Rev. Charles H. Bohner, pastor of Trinity Evangelical Church, and Harry G. Seip, member of Council, Easton.

There were often criticisms of sermons. Many of Mr. Bohner's sermons have been printed in the newspapers, but there were criticisms of sermons that were not printed.

In the latter cases it is contended the writer of the letters must have been either persons who were present to hear the sermons or have been told about them by some person who did hear them.

As Miss Dewitt is not a member of either congregation mentioned, the question arises as to who did the pen printing of the letters and who heard the sermons complained of.

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